

Ground-Breaking At La Fonda Site

Mayor Raps 'Unrest' Over Schools

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Santa Cruz Mayor Eugene Fleming delivered a surprise slap at city schools' officials yesterday afternoon during ground-breaking ceremonies at the La Fonda High school site.

"I have questioned our educational leadership in this community for creating unrest among the citizens," said Fleming as building construction got its official start on the city schools' third high school, scheduled for opening September, 1968.

Fleming continued that he believes the schools' leadership also has created a poor working relationship with some supervisors and teachers in the city schools' system. He urged that the schools and the community "pick up the pieces" in order to get the system in smooth running order again.

The mayor added that he does not "condone the attitude" that the schools system exists only for school personnel, but also for the entire community.

Mayor Fleming, in opening



Dr. Ronald Dameron, principal of the city's third high school, turns over the first shovelful of earth for construction of the new facility

at the La Fonda site in the left photo. At right, student body officers from grade schools which will send their

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pupils to the new high school assist in the ceremonies. From left are Fred Latta, Scotts Valley president; Lisa Bur-

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dick, Vine Hill president; Linda Klisch, Branciforte junior high vice president; Dr. Dameron, and Gary Simons, Scotts Valley vice president.

Possible Cutbacks

well as limiting the number of students participating.

A saving of \$22,320 could be effected by cutting back the speech correction program. But, the district says, the cut would further reduce a program which already has long lists of students waiting for help.

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his prepared speech, said he was not present to accept for the city a controversial school site or building design, but was there as a representative of the city to "accept in principle the one basic thing essential . . . to our nation . . . education for today's youth."

He also stated he is "not qualified" to say whether the La Fonda site is an "ideal" one nor that the building design is an ideal one for the best education

for local high school students.

He did, however, commend the board of education and administration for its foresight in providing buildings for students, but qualified the statement by adding he hopes the high school district has enough funds to staff and operate the new school.

In other city schools news today, the city board of education was to meet at noon today with

the PTA board of Santa Cruz High school.

Trustees called the session in order to learn specific information the PTA board has to support its claim at Monday night's school board session that the community will not pass an override tax election unless Superintendent Denzil Morrissey is replaced.

The PTA board met yesterday, but said it only passed a motion saying it would support

an override tax issue. A PTA board member said there was no discussion about Morrissey.

A reliable source told The Sentinel, however, that Santa Cruz High Principal Aaron Nelson spoke to the group on Morrissey's behalf. Nelson told The Sentinel that he was at the meeting only as a member of the PTA board. That he spoke in favor of Morrissey was unconfirmed.